REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the examiners Office Action dated October 7, 2003.

With regard to the 35 USC 102(e) rejection of claims 1-2 and 66-67, applicant has cancelled these claims.

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With regard to the 35 USC 103(a) rejection of claims 9 and 22-23, applicant has cancelled these claims.

With regard to claims 3-8 objections for being

dependent upon rejected base claims 1 and 2, applicant has amended claim 3 into an independent claim incorporating the limitation of cancelled claims 1 and 2, and dependent claims 4-8 now rely on allowable claim 3.

20 With regard to claims 68-72 objections for being dependent upon rejected base claims 66 and 67, applicant has amended claims 68 into an independent claim incorporating the limitations of cancelled claims 66 and 67, and dependent claims 69-72 now rely on allowable claim 68.

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With this amendment, this application is in condition for allowance. Examiner is advised that agent Chesavage may be reached by telephone at 650-619-5270, or via e-mail at patents@chesavage.com

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